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Harvey County News

Harvey County
USDA Service Center

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Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee:

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County Committee meets
2nd Tuesday of the month

Office Staff:

Jack Kelly, CED
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IMPORTANT DATES:

ECP Deadline - 3/3/06

NAP Deadline - 3/15/06

Final Day to request a loan or
LDP on wheat & oats -
3/31/06

CRP General Sign-Up -
3/27/06 thru 4/14/06

Final day to re-offer or ex-
tend 2007 CRP contracts -
4/14/06

Final Date to Report Small
Grains - 5/31/06

Final Date to request a loan
or LDP for corn, soybeans, &
milo - 5/31/06

DCP Deadline - 6/1/06

Final day to report feed grain
acres - 8/1/06

2006 DCP - DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM SIGNUP

Signup is well underway for the DCP 2006 program year. The final date to sign into the DCP program is June 1, 2006.

Contracts were mailed to all farm operators in December 2005 on any farm that did not have a reported change for 2006. If you have not received any paperwork from our office please give us a call. If there are changes and or a reconstitution pending on the farm, realize that these changes are a very time consuming process. Those farms with changes may not be able to be handled immediately.

Advance direct payments of 40% can be requested any month through September 2006.

The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested.

Any farm record changes that could affect the farming operation, such as land ownership, operator, establishing estates, or other changes, need to be reported so the change can be made effective prior to enrolling into the 2006 contract year.

**WE MUST HAVE ALL ORIGINAL
SIGNATURES ON THE CONTRACT (CCC-
509) BEFORE THE CONTRACT CAN BE
APPROVED and IN ALL CASES BY THE
JUNE 1, 2006 FILING DEADLINE.**

A \$100.00 fee will be assessed to any farm enrolled after the June 1 deadline. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

2006 NAP INFORMATION

March 15, 2006 is the final application date for 2006 sorghum forage and other spring planted forage crops.

Passed dates for 2006 crops are:

9/1/2005 was the final date for NAP small grains (oats, wheat, and triticale for forage or grazing); and 12/1/2005 for 2006 alfalfa and all grasses for hay or forage.

NAP production evidence- **Producers with losses are to notify FSA within 15 days of the loss. As with crop insurance do not destroy the crop until released by a NAP crop loss adjuster. **Producers who do not have a loss are required to provide production evidence to report and verify 2006 production. The producer must pay the cost of a field reporter to verify the production in the field. The production must not be fed before reporting to FSA. If production is fed and therefore not verifiable, the production is not acceptable as eligible production evidence and will not count towards the APH (actual production history). Producers are to provide bale counts and weights when reporting production of baled crops. We must have verifiable weights of the bales.

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

Producers need to be aware there is a new Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) form. The CCC-633EZ Page 1 and Page 2 were first used for last year's LDP crops, and will need to be completed each year.

The CCC-633EZ Page 1 must be filed prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop.

Beneficial interest is lost when the crop is sold, fed, delivered to fill a contract, delivered to a feedlot, or otherwise disposed of. A separate Page 1 must be signed by the operator and owner. Page 1 will cover all eligible commodities on all farms in all counties for one producer. This form protects your ability to receive an LDP on your commodity.

Producers will need to file page 2 after the crop is harvested to receive the LDP, either on the date it is requested or the date beneficial interest in the crop is lost.

Page 2 can be filed after beneficial interest has been lost as long as there was a Page 1 on file prior to losing beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be based on the date beneficial interest was lost, or the date the Page 2 was filed if the producer still owns the commodity. There must be a Page 1 on file prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop to be able to file a Page 2 to request the LDP payment.

You can obtain a copy of CCC-633EZ (all pages) at
<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>

The form can be completed in person, mail, fax, or e-Forms. For more information contact the FSA office.

ACREAGE REPORTING

The 2002 Farm Bill requires all cropland on a farm to be reported as condition for receiving payments under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as loan deficiency payments (LDP's), and marketing assistance loans.

Appointments have been sent out for all small-grain fall seeded crops. However, if we missed you and you have acres to report, please contact the office and schedule an appointment. The final day to report **wheat, oats, barley, rye, triticale, and field peas is May 31.**

Producers may begin reporting the acres they have planted to spring crops as soon as they have completed their planting. Appointments will again be sent out for final certification. The final day to report feed grains and CRP is **August 1.**

**COMMITTEE
ELECTION RESULTS**

LAA #3 in Harvey County held an election in December 2005, for a County Committee member. Gary Harms was re-elected to a three-year term. We congratulate Gary and thank him for his willingness to serve the farmers of Harvey County.



**REPORT FAILED
ACREAGE**

While the majority of wheat acreage is in fair to good condition, farmers should still be aware of their responsibility to file a failed acreage report anytime a crop has failed. Filing should be made with our agency and your crop insurance agent (if applicable).



**FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN
PROGRAM**

Seven year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities.

All loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required. For information, contact the office.

CRP COMPLIANCE

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THE HARVEY COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY IS PREPARING TO BEGIN CRP COMPLIANCE REVIEWS. CRP PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REVIEW THEIR CONSERVATION PLANS AND ADDRESS ANY CRP MAINTENANCE ISSUES THAT COULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE CRP CONTRACT. ITEMS TO ADDRESS INCLUDE: TREES, BRUSH, NOXIOUS AND NON-NOXIOUS WEEDS, EROSION PROBLEMS, VEHICLES OR IMPLEMENTS PARKED ON CRP. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT UNAUTHORIZED MOWING, HAYING, AND GRAZING ARE NOT PERMITTED ON CRP ACRES. AS A REMINDER THE CRP COVER SHALL NOT BE DISTURBED DURING THE PRIMARY NESTING AND BROOD REARING SEASON, WHICH IS APRIL 15 TO JULY 15.

GRAIN UNDER LOAN

Due to the unseasonably warm weather, producers with a commodity loan should be checking the commodity on a regular basis. The warm weather has caused some crusting and mold to develop. This is particularly the case with peaked grain in a bin. If you discover this is the case with your grain, dryer fans should be turned on to cool the grain.

CONDUCT BUSINESS ON-LINE

Producers can obtain an eAuthentication level 2 account and conduct USDA business on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home. This access requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>, followed by a visit to a USDA Service Center for identification verification. You must have an e-mail address.

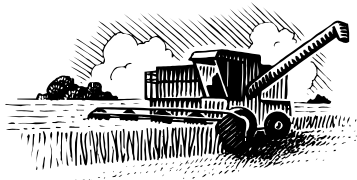
Once access is obtained, producers can conduct USDA business online such as eLDP's (Loan Deficiency Payments), eForms, Customer Statement, Financial Inquiry and other programs that will become available electronically in the future.

RMA &FSA CROP MONITORING

The passage of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 initiated some changes to the Federal Crop Insurance Programs administered by the Risk Management Agency (RMA). The Farm Service Agency (FSA) now assists RMA and private insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions. This is an effort to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

RMA requests that cases they select be spot checked by FSA during the growing season. FSA refers all suspected cases of waste, fraud, or abuse to RMA.

Persons who are aware of waste, fraud, or abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, may contact their local FSA office. Referrals made to the FSA will remain confidential and can be made anonymously.



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